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ABSTRACT

This book is intended to help preservice and inservice teachers, parents, and other caregivers of young children to be aware of and supportive of children's literacy knowledge as it grows and changes in the years from birth through early elementary school. It provides a guide to the long continuum of literacy growth, from the very beginning years, when children's reading and writing efforts are difficult to recognize, through the early elementary school years, when children begin to receive formal literacy instruction. Each chapter includes a list of key concepts used in the chapter, a case study on children's interactions with writing, advice on seeking out real-life experiences relating to the chapter content, and references. Chapters in the book are: (1) Understanding Children's Literacy Development; (2) From Birth to Three Years: Literacy Beginners; (3) From Three to Five Years: Novice Readers and Writers; (4) From Five to Seven Years: Experimenting Readers and Writers; (5) From Six to Eight Years: Conventional Readers and Writers; (6) Literacy-Rich Classrooms: (7) Supporting Literacy Learning in Preschools; (8) Supporting Literacy Learning in Kindergarten; (9) Supporting Literacy Learning in First Grade; (10) Supporting Literacy Learning Beyond First Grade; (11) Diverse Learners; and (12) Assessment. A list of over 200 children's books is attached. (RS)

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